



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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## WELL DONE

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to...

VI: Nolan: Amy O' Dwyer

VI: Heaney: Hazel Nash

VI: Boland: Sam Smyth

VI: Frost: Darragh O' Neill

## Writer of the Month

Well done to...

VI: Nolan: Noyan Al Roshan

VI: Heaney: Adam Llanes

VI: Boland: Ryan Moloney & Liam McEligott

VI: Frost: Kayla Moloney

## Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairgeadas do na páisti seo a leanas

VI: Nolan: Denis Sandev

VI: Heaney: Adam Quigley

VI: Boland: Aimee Bresnan

VI: Frost: Ben Flanagan

## Colours' Day

The Annual Student Council Colours' Day took place on Friday, March 31st. Children donated €2 for the privilege of wearing clothes of their own choice to school. Over **€1200** was raised and this amount goes into a prize fund for the Student Council Charity Speeches Competition which will take place in June. The charity associated with the winning speech will benefit from this fund.

## Sacrament of Eucharist

### ( Holy Communion)

We wish all the children in second class the very best of luck next Month as they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist each Sunday in May.

Thanks to Fr Richie and Fr Ger and the Parish Team for all their help in preparing the children for such a milestone in their Faith journey.

It is our hope that the children and their families will enjoy what is such a meaningful ceremony.



## The Voluntary Contribution

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Voluntary Contribution Fund so far this year. You can still contribute to this fund via the Aladdin family page if you wish to do so.

It is worth noting that any money raised will be used to fund resources and facilities that benefit the children. This year, all money raised will go towards the purchase and fit out of our sensory room between the halla and the Senior yards. This sensory room should be up and running by the end of May.

In 2021-2022, the money raised enabled us to completely renovate our Science Room and turn it into a MakerSpace Room.

In 2020-2021 we renovated the Outdoor Classroom and it is now a haven of tranquillity at the back of the Senior Building.

Next Years fund will go towards the development of a Play Space for Junior Classes from Infants to second class. See inner pages for pictures of these facilities.



## April in Scoil Íde



## CALENDAR 2022-2023

- ◆ Closed Friday, May 12th 2023: Curriculum Planning Day
- ◆ Closed Friday, June 2nd 2023: Curriculum Planning Day
- ◆ Closed Monday and Tuesday, 5th & 6th June 2023. Bank Holiday and day added on as per school calendar
- ◆ Closing for Summer Holidays on June 30th 2023 at 12.15 pm.

## CALENDAR 2023-2024

- ◆ School Re-opens for all pupils on Thursday, 31st August 2023.
- ◆ October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 30th October to Friday 3rd November incl.
- ◆ Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday 22nd December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th January 2024.
  - ◆ Public Holiday: Monday, 5th February 2024.
- ◆ February Mid-term Break: Thursday 15th and Friday, 16th February 2024.
  - ◆ Public Holiday: Monday, 18th March 2024 - St. Patrick's Day.
- ◆ Easter 2024: Closing Friday, 22nd March at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th April 2024.
  - ◆ May Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th May inclusive.
    - ◆ Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd June 2024
  - ◆ Closing for Summer Holidays on Friday, 28h June at 12.15pm

### Eid

We hope all those of the Muslim faith in our school Community enjoyed the religious holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Eid is celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.



### Vaccinations for Junior Infants

The Public Health Team will be on site in Scoil Íde in the makerspace Room on the following dates to administer vaccinations to our Junior Infant Children.

All correspondence in relation to these vaccinations should be directed to Connie at Roxtown at 061483079.

The Public Health Team at Roxtown will be in touch with parents and guardians regarding appointments for these vaccinations for children on May 25th, May 31st and June 1st.



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## Award Winners in April

( 6th Class on the left, 5th Class on the right)



**ACE Award Winners**



**Writers of the Month**



**Gaeilgeoir na Míosa**



## A taste of some of the projects we are working on at the minute

### Fresh Film Festival

There was great excitement in Heaney recently as the class got to pay a visit to the cinema. The Odeon was the venue for the Irish Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards. The movies that the children had made as part of the Blast Arts in Education project had been selected as finalists and the whole class was in attendance for the screening. They spent the whole day in the cinema watching movies made by children from all over the country. Mikey Mahon from fifth class Yeats and Fiadh Browne from sixth class Nolan had also had movies selected for the final. Tension levels peaked as the last of the movies finished and Mary-Claire Fitzpatrick of RTE made her way to the podium to announce the award winners. There were huge celebrations amongst the Scoil Ide children as Mikey Mahon was presented with the award for third place overall.

### The Otter Project

Our OTTER EU project is called "Water in my Life" and aims to promote science education outside the classroom and is the start of our campaign to make Corbally Baths swimmable again. The project involves 2nd and 6th class students. Funded by the EU, The School of Education at the University of Limerick is partnering with the project to integrate sustainability and education. We are the only primary school in Ireland selected for this innovative project.

Recently, our students visited the School of Education at UL and the SSP Center to learn about water quality in our lives, bacteria, and nature. Learning outside the classroom has been shown to be highly beneficial for students, especially in science education.

### Super Well

Junior and Senior Infants in Scoil ide have collaborated with the psychology department in UL to develop a picture book intervention to support children's Emotional Literacy. Children in the infant classes have developed their emotion identification and problem-solving skills. One of the protective factors to pupil wellbeing is creating opportunities to develop Emotional Literacy. Research has shown Emotionally literate pupils have a positive self-image, positive view of their school experience, improved mental health and it directly benefits academic achievement.

### Junior Entrepreneurial Programme ( JEP)

This year, 6th year Boland took part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, which has opened a whole range of new opportunities for us. Months of background work, learning about our strengths and qualities, working on our communication skills, pitching our ideas to the dragons and meeting and learning from local entrepreneurs, culminated in a successful showcase of "Bows and Bandanas from Capulanas" on Friday, April 28th. We showcased our bows and bandanas and took orders for future sales. Business is booming in Boland! We think we are excellent entrepreneurs!

### Coding club

We are running a Coding Club for the next five weeks on Wednesdays after school from 14:45-15:45. The club will consist of 8 children from out 5th and 6th classes and will be taught by Giuseppe Torre from UL who will be assisted by teacher Aisling Kennedy. Coding Club will take place in the MakerSpace and laptops will be provided to the children and sessions will focus on 1: Intro to Linux operating system and Open Source culture, installing Linux on PC/Laptop, dual Installation procedure. 4: Installing Software: apt install routine and/or APK. 5: Linux for Games and Arts.

### Litter Awareness Campaign

Over the past few weeks we have been conducting a litter awareness campaign in the school. The campaign involved litter picking, analyzing, researching, interviewing and a lot of discussion. Unfortunately, litter has gotten worse around the school in recent years, and the amount of litter is truly shocking when gathered up in one place. The children have learned about the long lasting damage that litter can do to our health and about the damage plastic litter causes to ocean wildlife in particular.

The children analysed the litter and found that sweet wrappers are the main component of our litter, and that recycling aluminium cans saves a lot of pollution going into the atmosphere. There can also be quite an amount of litter that originates from outside the school but ends up on our grounds.

The message is that it is all our responsibility to keep our environment clean and that our actions impact on others less fortunate than us around the world. Small changes can make a big difference. If possible, please consider removing wrappers from your child's lunch at home, as they are often unnecessary within the lunchbox. Thank you